

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION  
606**

**USE OF INMATE WORKERS IN HEALTH CARE**

**Supersedes:** AR 606 (Temporary, 09/21/11)  
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**AUTHORITY:**

NRS 209.131

**RESPONSIBILITY**

All Medical Division staff are responsible for the compliance with this regulation.

**606.01 USE OF INMATE WORKERS IN HEALTH CARE**

1. Each Health Care Unit utilizing inmate workers shall have a written procedure on the subject in the unit procedural manual. The procedure will contain the following:

- A. A written job description on each category of inmate worker;
- B. The conditions under which inmates can perform tasks;
- C. The screening processes by which inmate health workers are selected; and
- D. Immunization requirements.

**606.02 RESTRICTIONS**

1. Inmates working in health care units will not be used to:

- A. Perform direct patient care services.
- B. Schedule health care appointments.
- C. Determine access of other inmates to health care services.
- D. Dispense or administer any type of medication or work in a pharmacy or medication room.
- E. Handle or have access to medical records.

F. Handle or have access to any medical equipment or medication.

G. Perform clerical duties.

H. Manage, oversee, or supervise other inmates.

#### **606.03 EXCEPTION TO RESTRICTIONS:**

1. Inmates may render medical attention when emergency first aid may be necessary to save a life and no employee is immediately available to render first aid.

2. Inmates may be used to perform limited types of services including cleaning/janitorial, the feeding and movement (by wheelchair, stretcher, etc.) of other inmates.

#### **606.04 TRAINING**

1. Only Medical Division staff may train inmate workers concerning the inmate-worker tasks in a medical setting. Inmates are not allowed to train other inmates.

2. The Medical Division may elect to train inmates and prepare them for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and blood borne pathogen cleanup.

3. Medical Division should maintain records of such training.


#### **APPLICABILITY**

1. This regulation requires an Operational Procedure for the use of inmate workers at each Institution or facility in the Nevada Department of Corrections.

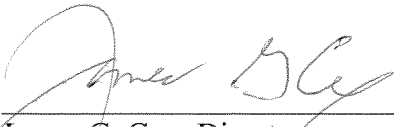
2. This regulation requires an audit.

#### **REFERENCES**

NCCHC Standards 2008, P-C-06

  
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